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**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION  
UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)**

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Washington, DC 20231  
Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

INVENTOR: John K. HOWARD  
FOR: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IMPROVING THE PERFORMANCE OF  
MICROANALYTIC AND MICROSYNTHETIC PROCEDURES

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 19 pages of specification, claims, abstract.
- ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☐ Priority Claimed.
- ☐ Certified copy of \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ 3 sheets of formal drawing.
- ☒ An assignment of the invention to Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.  
and the assignment recordation fee.
- ☐ An associate power of attorney.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449 and references.
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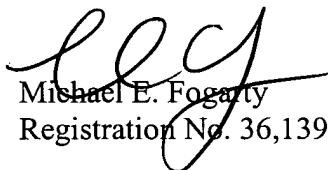
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Multiple Dependent Claim(s)					\$0.00
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